

FIRST EDITION

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DARING CRIME IN LANCASTER.

£4000 and Other Valuables Stolen—A Family Bound and Gagged by a Band of Masked Men.

The Lancaster (Pa.) Express of last evening has an account of an incredibly daring outrage perpetrated in that city, from which we condense as follows:—

Last night, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock, the residence of Samuel Denlinger, a Director of the Lancaster County National Bank, of this city, was burglariously entered by four men, with masked faces, and robbed of \$4000 in Government and Lancaster city bonds, \$100 in currency, gold, and silver, and three silver watches, valued at \$35 each.

THE ALBANY EXPRESS ROBBERY.

The Outrage Upon Express Messenger Halpin.

The Albany Journal of last evening says—Although several days have intervened, the painful interest and excitement occasioned by the daring robbery and attempted assassination of the express messenger Thomas A. Halpin, on Friday evening, has not abated.

The statement of the hostler at Dearstue's Hotel to Chief Maloy, about a man passing and repassing the hotel in a wagon to which a white horse was attached, was calculated to excite one about the time the deed was committed, receives a great deal of credence, and seems to be a reasonable solution of the mystery and manner of the criminal's flight.

NEW JERSEY WATER FAMINE.

Precautions Against Fire—How Citizens are to

The N. Y. Post of last evening says:—

The Board of Police Commissioners and the Mayor of Jersey City last evening met the agents of the several fire insurance companies to determine on the best plan to be used against fire.

It was decided to place one hundred special officers on duty to-night in the several precincts in the city, to borrow from this city ten thousand feet of hose, and to import a quantity of portable fire-extinguishers.

At Hooker's old wells are again brought into use and new ones will be dug. The water lying upon the property of the Hoboken Land and Improvement Company is also to be utilized for the citizens.

Several thousands of gallons taken from this city were distributed this morning among the upper part of the city. In Jersey City this morning ten men were fined each fifty dollars for having turned on the water at the

WEST POINT TROUBLES.

The Trial of the Colored Cadet—The Military Academy also on Trial—Charges and Counter-Charges—The Cadet Mob.

The question whether or not the colored Cadet, Smith had lied, in a certain manner, lies in a small cloud no larger than a man's hand out of which has grown a court contest and an outside controversy which fully makes up in dramatic interest all that it lacks on account of the absence of renowned advocates at the imposing scene usually incident to great trials.

Within a few weeks, a party entered his room, in his absence, and shamefully desecrated it. Within the same period, a staid, Kentuckian cadet, of the next class above that of Smith, and the heaviest and tallest man in it, visited him at his quarters and "took satisfaction of him" by blows with the fist, simply because "the negro had not deferred to him at me as he might have done."

The Kentuckian was placed in arrest, and it was expected he would be severely punished; but the next day it was stated that the colored cadet had acknowledged that he had "separated" the cadet who had beaten him, and he was released. The Commandant referred to the affair at parade, that evening, announced the release of the offender, and said that "Cadet Smith had acted magnanimously."

All cadets in the "plebs," state suffer what they at the time regard as indignities, but what they subsequently profess to regard as very essential parts of military training. Cadet Smith was from the first doubly "plebs"—on account of both color and class. Lacking the sympathy and society of fellow-cadets, who might have advised him how to treat real or imaginary indignities, he had presented to him the alternative of trying to fight his way through, or to submit to everything.

Mr. Sellers requested that the Prothonotary be sent for, in order that he might explain his refusal to do as required.

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LONDON, Jan. 10.—The Brussels Echo of the 10th says that the Belgian militia are again summoned to the frontier, and that a staff of officers has already arrived at a point in the neighborhood of Longwy.

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FROM NEW ENGLAND.

Fire at Portland.

PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—Building No. 2 of Kimball & Larkin's carriage factory, on Preble street, was damaged by fire this morning to the extent of \$6000. Insured.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Contested Election—Price vs. Lynd—Yreouble with a Prothonotary.

This morning David W. Sellers, Esq., came into Court and stated that a proceeding was to be instituted before the Legislature contesting the seat of James Lynd, as an Associate Judge of the District Court, and in order thereto the law required a certificate from the Prothonotary of this Court that at least fifty of the signers of the petition were qualified electors. The petition, with the names of some of the most prominent citizens of the community, had been presented to Mr. Donegan, the Prothonotary, and his certificate requested. He refused to sign it, and therefore it became necessary to present the following petition to the Court:—

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TO-DAY'S WASHINGTON NEWS.

The New Specie Bonds.

The Georgia Election Cases.

Proceedings of Congress

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

The Women Suffrage Advocates.

A protracted hearing before the House Judiciary Committee this morning, and presented arguments to show that, under the fifteenth amendment, they are entitled to vote without any further legislation. There were about twenty of them present. Among them were Mrs. Woodhall, Miss Anthony, and Mrs. Stanton. This afternoon they held a convention. The committee was very favorably impressed with the arguments of some of the ladies, and one member said that no man in the House could have stated that side of the case more forcibly than was done by Mrs. Victoria C. Woodhall.

The Five Per Cent. Bonds.

The Ways and Means Committee agreed to-day to report the Senate bill increasing the amount of five per cent. bonds to five hundred millions, interest payable quarterly; but it is provided that as new bonds are to be put upon the market the old ones must be redeemed and cancelled. The committee is preparing a supplementary tariff bill relating chiefly to duties on woollen goods. It is proposed to increase the duty on mixed woollens

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Mr. Brooks offered an amendment to place coal on the free list, but it was not adopted, the vote being 4 to 4.

Keating Docks and Batteries.

The Secretary of the Navy was before the House Appropriation Committee to-day and made an argument in favor of the appropriation for floating docks and batteries. The committee is not disposed to make an appropriation for such purposes.

Steamer Subsidies.

The Senate Postal Committee agreed to-day to report in favor of the establishment of a line of steamers between California and Australia, with subsidy sufficient to secure its success.

The Georgia Senators.

Messrs. Hill, Miller, and Farrow, claiming to be Senators from Georgia, had a hearing this morning before the Senate Judiciary Committee. It will be some days before the committee will be able to make a report, and the admission of any of the parties is doubtful.

The Georgia Case.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The Senate Committee on the Judiciary to-day gave a hearing to Dr. Miller and Joshua Hill, the one claiming a seat as Senator from Georgia for the term expiring March 4 next, and the other for the term ending March 4, 1873. Henry P. Farrow, who with Whitley contested the seats, was also before the committee, with whom their case now rests.

Obituary—Perry Fuller.

Perry Fuller died suddenly this morning at his residence in this city of paralysis of the heart. Several weeks ago he had a severe attack of illness, but had apparently entirely recovered his health and was in cheerful spirits last night while visiting friends. He was forty-four years of age.

Female Suffrage.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The House Judiciary Committee this morning heard the arguments of Victoria C. Woodhall, Mrs. Beecher Hooker, Susan B. Anthony, and Mrs. A. G. Riddle, claiming the right of suffrage for women under the fifteenth constitutional amendment. About fifty other ladies were present. The committee listened attentively to the speeches, but took no action.

FROM THE STATE.

Additional Particulars of Mr. Covode's Death.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 11.—Mr. Covode reached here in good health last evening from Philadelphia. He was quite cheerful and ate a hearty supper. Soon after he complained of feeling chilly, and later in the evening he suffered considerable pain in the left side, but did not feel at all alarmed. His suffering increased until about midnight, when Dr. Zeigler was called in. He was then much prostrated by acute pain in the region of the heart, but the physician assured him of relief in a short time.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

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Mr. Schuyler presented the petition of citizens of the Twelfth district, contesting the seat of John Lamon, Republican, Friday next, the 13th inst., was fixed for the appointment of a committee. Mr. Quigley presented the petition of citizens of the Eleventh district, contesting the seat of Samuel Hagar, Republican. Thursday next was fixed for the appointment of a committee.

FROM NEW YORK.

Report of the Prussian Occupation of Havre.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—A supposed unfounded report of the occupation of Havre by the Germans is circulating here.

Match Factory Ruined.

The match factory of J. Leeger, on West Fifty-fourth street, was damaged to the amount of \$800 by fire this morning; insured.

Bids for Bonds.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The bids for bonds agreed to by the Treasury, of \$750,000. The awards were made as follows:—

CONGRESS.

FORTY-FIRST TERM—THIRD SESSION.

Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The House concurrent resolution for the appointment of a select committee on all ocean cable legislation was debated upon a motion by Mr. Chandler to refer to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mr. Sumner, summarizing the results of that committee's action upon various propositions before it, said that among other bills now pending which had reference to the cable, the committee was a general measure for a code regulating ocean cables, the substance of which was sketched by their late associate, Mr. Fessenden.

There were also several special bills, one for a cable from San Francisco to Japan, which had been considered during the last session. He doubted the expediency of taking all those matters at this late stage of the session from the charge of the committee which had specifically considered them. A joint committee, if appointed at all, should begin with a new Congress.

Mr. Williams advocated a joint select committee as necessary to an intelligent understanding of Congress of the pending conflicting propositions. One of these was to appropriate \$500,000 yearly for a long period of aid of a telegraphic line from California to China. If another company would do the work for one-half that amount, there was a witness in the latter proposition and the pending one presented to the same committee. And the subject, by consent, was finally laid over without action till to-morrow.

The latter half of the morning hour was occupied by Mr. Hays in some remarks upon the bill to aid in the repairs and construction of levees in the State of Mississippi, and the expediency of the improvement of the cotton trade, remarking that while the amount was no longer large, its commercial influence upon the material interests and prosperity of the country demanded that all proper measures should be taken to foster it.

He referred to the difficulties in the way of cotton production in the States of the West, and to the proper encouragement of its cultivation in the United States could be carried on without fear of successful competition in other countries. The improvement contemplated by the bill several millions of acres of cotton land in the delta between the Mississippi and Yazoo rivers would be opened to cultivation.

Upon his motion, the bill was referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

Mr. Sumner resumed the consideration of the resolution as amended by the House for the appointment of a commission to San Domingo, the question being upon Mr. Sumner's motion to amend the House amendment by adding thereto: "And the commissioners shall inquire especially into the alleged pendency of civil war in Dominica, and extent of territory occupied by the opposing parties; also as to the relations between the existing Government of Dominica and the neighboring Republics of Haiti and the Guianas, and whether any war now exists or is menaced between the two Governments."

Mr. Wilson, of Ohio, from the Committee on Agriculture, reported a bill to procure and disseminate information as to the extent of cereal crops in other countries, their requirements, and the means of transportation, forbidding cattle to be confined in railroad cars longer than twenty-eight consecutive hours without allowing to give the cattle rest, water, and feeding for at least five consecutive hours, except prevented by contingencies. He explained that the bill did not apply to steamships where arrangements are made to feed and water cattle.

Mr. Edridge questioned the propriety and constitutionality of the bill.

Mr. Wilson stated the measure had been carefully considered and submitted to some of the best lawyers, who certified to its legality and constitutionality. The transportation of cattle by railroads on the West to the East was very great and was daily increasing, and it was well known that the most inhumane and barbarous practices were being resorted to in transit that were not only disgraceful to humanity, but made meat of cattle deleterious to health.

Mr. Edridge was satisfied that the bill was regnant to the Constitution, inasmuch as it interfered with the internal police regulations of each State. Congress might as well undertake to legislate for the police in every city and town. He suggested that the bill should be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Wilson argued that the bill was directly within the scope of the provisions of the Constitution, which gave to Congress power to regulate commerce with foreign nations. The petition moved the previous question.

On a vote by tellers there were only 104 members voting, which lacked fourteen of a quorum.

On a second vote by tellers the vote was still less, many members being probably attracted to the Senate Chamber by the Dominican debate. A motion to adjourn was then made, pending the vote on the yeas and nays.

The Speaker had before the House a telegram from Governor Conner announcing the death at Harrisburg this morning of Hon. John Covode, Representative from Pennsylvania, and speaking of him as a good citizen and valuable and faithful public servant and a true patriot.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

Senate.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 11.—Mr. Conner presented a petition contesting the seat of Senator Decher, alleging that he received but 19,600 votes and that his competitor received 19,800 votes. The petition also alleges general frauds, neglects, etc., in all the Democratic precincts of the Second, Third, and Fourth wards. Mr. Conner moved to select a committee to-morrow.

Mr. Davis, of Berks, moved to postpone the subject for the present. Agreed to.

The following bills were introduced:—By Mr. Conner, extending the time for the completion of the Philadelphia and Montgomery County Railroad.

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Mr. Fulton, of Westmoreland, announced the death of Hon. John Covode, and offered the following resolution:—Resolved, That the members of the Legislature of this State in the present Congress, died this day, should be notified of the death of their colleague in the National Congress, that a committee of three of the members of each House be appointed to make arrangements for the transmission of his body to his home.